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Mr. Bruce Hill, President & CEO  
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.  
West Ridge Resources, Inc.  
6750 North Airport Road  
P.O. Box 902  
Price, UT 84501

Dear Mr. Hill:

Subject: Public Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement Docket No.  
I09-01SA, UPDES Permit No. UT0025640-West Ridge Mine.

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice of the proposed Settlement Agreement between the Utah Water Quality Board and West Ridge Resources.

If you have any questions with regards to this matter, please contact Jeff Studenka at (801) 538-6779.

Sincerely,

Michael Herkimer, Manager  
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Enclosures: PN Document

cc (w/ encl.):  
Amanda Smith, Department of Environmental Quality  
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If there are any questions, please contact Edith Van Vleet at (801) 538-7015. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Herkimer, Manager  
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### UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, DOCKET NO. I09-01SA

#### PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to declare that the State of Utah has reached a settlement agreement with West Ridge Resources, Inc. This Public Notice is issued pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R317-8-1.9, to provide opportunity for public comment on the proposed settlement of an enforcement action. The proposed settlement agreement is for the purpose of resolving alleged violations of Utah Code Annotated 19-5 (Water Quality Act), and is a resolution of enforcement proceedings brought against West Ridge Resources, Inc.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to close of business September 10, 2009. Comments may be directed to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

The settlement agreement is available for public review under "Public Notices" at [www.waterquality.utah.gov/](http://www.waterquality.utah.gov/). If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Jeff Studenka at 801-538-6779. Written public comments can be submitted to: Walt Baker, Executive Secretary, Utah Water Quality Board, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: [wbaker@utah.gov](mailto:wbaker@utah.gov). The deadline to receive comments is close of business September 10, 2009. After considering public comment the Utah Water Quality Board may execute the settlement agreement, revise it, or abandon it.